

A False Alarm Fails To Last For The Reason No Matter How Big The Noise He Is Never Able To Cover Up The Hollow Tone

## LOW PRICED ADVERTISING

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A handsome, profitable, high grade hotel in a city. In 10 days by Premier Hotel. 4000 pounds milk a day guaranteed. Brownell Wilcox, N. H. Vermont, Vt.

FOR SALE—Ino. C. Backmer homestead at Manchester Depot consisting of dwelling and outbuildings. Containing about one acre of land. Building lots on Foster hill known as Page Warren lot containing about three acres. Above will be sold with no restriction. L. B. Mattison, Manchester Depot, Vt. 1507

FOR SALE—1 set of second hand delivery bibles with a nice foot box, pen and shaft in fine condition. One set light one heavy sleigh heavy new. 2 new portable cutters. 1 second hand Portland cutter. 1 second hand heavy single beam saw. G. B. and R. A. Moon, 20, Shaftsbury, Vt. 1501

FOR SALE—Barn bull, purebred, bred with white markings, 7 weeks old. Can be seen and prices given. P. H. McArthur, Church St., North Bennington, Vt. 2015

FOR SALE—Modern house. Also general insurance. 1507

FOR SALE—Custom hatting with Godeaux automatic machine. Tray of 75 hats \$2.50. Also sets of hatting. Pen No. 1, located by "Transmitter" on the Middlebury street in the new "Redwood" building. Bred Plymouth Rocks, \$1.00 per 15 eggs. Day old chicks for sale by order. At present for a 1 cent mail order. Van Nostrand, 100, Old Trusty line store, for sale, in first class condition. Half payment down with all orders. P. H. and M. Wm. Alard, 129 Broad St., Bennington, Vt. 1501

FOR SALE—A very desirable place, with 15 acres of land about equally divided; young apple orchard, nice of pine, spruce, room house, barn, shed with shed attached, 10000 lbs. concrete spring house and tank; running water at buildings. This property is located two minutes walk from Bennington, Vt. and near good market, school and church. Price \$2000. Nash & Hutchins, 1507

FOR SALE—Excellent bargain; located 3 miles from North Bennington and 2 miles from electric road, in good neighborhood, 10000 lbs. concrete spring house and tank; running water at buildings. This property is located two minutes walk from Bennington, Vt. and near good market, school and church. Price \$2000. Nash & Hutchins, 1507

FOR SALE—2000 lbs. wood for sale, at barn on old road. Estate of C. E. Devey 1507

FOR SALE—Good 8-room house, located on one of the best streets in city. 10000 lbs. concrete spring house and tank; running water at buildings. This property is located two minutes walk from Bennington, Vt. and near good market, school and church. Price \$2000. Nash & Hutchins, 1507

## TO RENT

TO RENT—On March 1st a desirable house in quiet neighborhood. Inquire Mrs. G. A. Miller, 71 Main St. 1512

TO RENT—Desirable house in the "Columbia" corner. Inquire Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller, 71 Main St. 1512

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TO RENT—Desirable tenement, a furnished apartment. Inquire Mrs. G. A. Miller, 71 Main St. 1512

TO RENT—Furnished rooms with steam heat and electric lights at 354 Pleasant St. 1516

TO RENT—Furnished front room; steam heat, electric lights and bath. Apply 201 Gage St. 1507

## WANTED

WANTED—A lady clerk for J. J. Bennington, 10000 lbs. concrete spring house and tank; running water at buildings. This property is located two minutes walk from Bennington, Vt. and near good market, school and church. Price \$2000. Nash & Hutchins, 1507

WANTED—Resident of Bennington to help in the installation of a new building. Inquire Mrs. G. A. Miller, 71 Main St. 1512

WANTED—Position by young man 30 years of age, 18 years' bookkeeping and office experience. A good anything offering a salary. He is a native Bennington, Vt. W. C. Griswold's care. 1507

WANTED—Experienced knitters and loomers on worsted hosiery. Apply Bennington Hosiery Co. 1507

WANTED—Salesman to represent us in the state. On a good salary, all year. Permanent position. Inquire Mrs. G. A. Miller, 71 Main St. 1512

WELL DRILLING—Suburban water supply system. Inquire Mrs. G. A. Miller, 71 Main St. 1512

## LOST

LOST—Fanny between library and store and Gage's drug store. An enamel cup. Finder please return to Gage's drug store. 1512

LOST—At the Whitney Theatre, Jap mink coat. Return to Banner office or Burns cigar store. 1507

## A Common Cold

If neglected is often the beginning of serious lung troubles. Do not wait until pneumonia develops or consumption becomes seated. Get a bottle of Down's Balm now. Sold everywhere.

## Public Stenographer

Stenography, Typewriting, Copying. Will call at place of business for dictation if desired.

Miss Bertha Levin  
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are curable. All kinds of hemorrhoids. The CAUSE is always internal. Dr. Leonard Hardy, 10000 lbs. concrete spring house and tank; running water at buildings. This property is located two minutes walk from Bennington, Vt. and near good market, school and church. Price \$2000. Nash & Hutchins, 1507

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## HOLD 2 BOYS FOR BARN BURNING AT VERGENNES

One of Them Alleged to Have Made Confession

## HAD PLANNED TO ESCAPE

Fred Wooster, of West Rutland, and Ernest Kimball, of Sharon, Held as Incendiaries

Vergennes, Feb. 20.—Fire entirely destroyed two large barns belonging to the State Industrial school yesterday morning entailing a loss of over \$12,000 and as a result, Fred Wooster of West Rutland and Ernest Kimball of Sharon, both inmates of the institution were taken to the house of correction at Rutland last evening by Judge J. E. Weeks of Middlebury, chairman of the state penal board, charged with having set fire to the buildings.

The fire started about 10 o'clock in the large barn directly opposite the building formerly used as a school, and had spread to a stable nearby and had gutted both buildings including their contents before anything could be saved except 58 head of cattle in the cow barn, and these were saved with great difficulty.

Immediately after the fire was under control, the two boys were taken in charge by the officials and after a severe grilling, Kimball, a young man 20 years old, broke down and confessed.

He stated that he was led into the act by Wooster, who seems to have been the prime mover in the crime and had quite an influence over the other boy. He furnished the matches and told Wooster that they would both escape during the excitement of the fire. The boys had talked the matter over considerably since the other fire which destroyed the main building and plans were made to make the attempt yesterday morning.

Kimball, who is of a rather timid disposition mentioned the plan to another boy in the school who immediately notified one of the attendants. An examination was made of the buildings and no traces were found of any attempt to fire the place and the attendant commenced to regard the affair as a joke some of the boys were attempting to play. A short time afterwards flames were seen shooting out of the building.

Wooster was also given a brief "third degree" by the officials but refused to divulge anything.

The cow barn, which was the first to go, was built completely of wood and was 100 feet long by 40 feet wide and contained a large amount of hay, where the fire was started. The other building was a stable, 72 feet long and 44 feet wide was also of wood with the exception of a cement floor and a composition on the walls to make it more sanitary. This building caught soon after the other had started and was a total loss.

Wooster is 17 years old and although of a low mentality is of a dominating personality, and has been in the school for several years. This is not his first escapade. He is the same boy who several weeks ago made a sensational escape from the place with a young man named Burke.

Wooster is a son of Charles Wooster of West Rutland.

Kimball had been at the institution for about six months.

Both boys were questioned last evening but nothing further regarding the affair could be learned, Wooster refusing even to answer.

The boys will be detained at the house of correction until the next session of the Addison County court in June.

SAINTS' STATUES SMASHED  
Masked Men Wreck Catholic Church in New Britain, Conn.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 18.—Wearing masks six men robbed the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart last night. They stripped the altar, smashed statues of saints and angels and pillored the debris at the foot of the altar. The communion hosts were strewn about the carpet.

The Rev. Lloyon Bojowski, pastor, ascribes the work to Socialists and members of the Independent Catholic Church.

WEATHER FORECAST  
For eastern New York and western Vermont fair north, snow south portion tonight. Saturday snow.

## BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET

## Annual Meeting of Organization Will Be Held This Evening

The annual meeting of the Bennington board of trade will be held at Appollo hall in connection with the banquet to be served this evening. The meeting will be an election of directors and a report will be made showing what the board has been doing during the past year.

The banquet will be served at 6:45 o'clock and the presence of the ladies is earnestly requested. A dinner will be served with meat and fish courses. The topic that the board will bring before the gathering is that of a tourist hotel for Bennington. At the present time Bennington has an excellent commercial house, wherein the service is as good as can be found in the state. The building, however, was constructed many years ago before there was any considerable amount of summer travel in Vermont and before the days of the automobile. For this reason the hotel does not meet certain requirements that have developed in recent years.

Bennington is the southern gateway to the Vermont side of the Champlain valley and the tourist traffic that passes through the village from the big cities is increasing every year. This traffic means business for Bennington. If it can be properly handled and if it is not taken care of it will eventually find some way to go where its wants can be met.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Max L. Powell of the Hotel Vermont, Burlington, Vt. James K. Bateholder of Arlington will also address the gathering and Secretary H. N. Morse of the Bennington County Improvement Association telephoned this morning that he would respond to the call of the toastmaster. Tickets can be had at the door.

MOHAWKS BEAT SCALE MEN  
Result of Ten Pin Match on Y. M. C. A. Alleys Last Evening

The Mohawks met the Scale Co. last night in a bowling match on the Y. M. C. A. bowling alleys and succeeded in taking three of the five points.

Scale Co.  
Brown 155 163 147 455  
Holden 156 131 147 434  
McGarvin 150 145 159 454  
Aldrich 135 127 136 398  
Moore 111 148 150 299  
Friedman 707 754 739 2200

Mohawks  
Perry 120 159 167 446  
Comar 164 138 147 449  
Snow 207 136 111 454  
Sawyer 138 138 138 414  
Reid 152 173 161 486  
781 744 724 2245

Tonight the Tammanyites will meet the Hillside. Tomorrow night the alleys will be open to the public. On Saturday night of this week the local Y. M. C. A. basketball team will have as its opponents the Phoenix basketball team of Pittsfield. The Phoenix team is composed of the best and fastest players from the boys' club. The local team is going good and a good game is anticipated. In the preliminary game two teams from the different rooms in the Bennington graded school will try for honor.

THIEVES LOOT FIVE COTTAGES  
Magy Articles Stolen From Starr Farm Beach Summer Homes

Burlington, Feb. 19.—It was discovered late this afternoon that there has been a wholesale looting of the cottages at Starr Farm beach and that a quantity of goods has been stolen. Just how many articles have been taken or what their value is will not be ascertained until a more careful inspection is made. The looting was evidently done some time ago as there are no tracks about the cottages which would indicate that the miscreants must have done their work before the last snow fall.

Six cottages were entered. The breaks were discovered by a son of one of the owners who was at the beach this morning. As soon as the news was received Chief of Police Russell, with some of the summer camp colony, went to the scene and made an investigation.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT  
Judge Slack Directs Franklin County Court to Convene

St. Albans, Feb. 19.—Judge Leighton P. Slack, of St. Johnsbury, at the request of Attorney General R. E. Brown and State's Attorney G. F. Ladd ordered today a special term of the Franklin County court to be opened here Thursday morning, February 26, and a grand jury has been summoned.

While no authoritative information regarding the matter can be secured it is the general supposition that the Chin Kim murder case will be considered.

## WHITMAN LOOKING FOR MORE WASTED PUBLIC FUNDS

Probes Into Transactions of a Dozen New York Lawyers

## IN CONDEMNATION WORK

Attorneys are Suspected of Making Duplicates of Both Services and Charges

New York, Feb. 19.—With evidence in his possession tending to show that thousands of dollars of the city's money were wasted in connection with the proceedings for the condemnation of property for the construction of the Catskill aqueduct, District Attorney Whitman today sent subpoenas to a dozen New York lawyers to obtain the appearance here at the John Doe inquiry tomorrow of 12 lawyers in that city who acted in these proceedings. They will be asked to reveal the fees that were paid them for their work in searching titles and whether they shared their fees with politicians.

The work of searching titles for condemned property near the Kingsboro section of the aqueduct was placed by the New York board of water supply in the hands of the law firm of Fowler and VanBuren of that city, of which Everett Fowler, now awaiting trial on an indictment charging him with the extortion of a political contribution was a member.

The 12 lawyers wanted as witnesses were all employed by this firm, according to the district attorney. Their subpoenas called upon them for the production of all records and other documents employed in the title searching proceedings.

The district attorney's assistants said they have reason to suspect that both duplication of work and duplication of charges are involved.

Should any evidence of wrongdoing be brought to light it will be placed before the grand jury which is now investigating other phases of the so-called aqueduct graft. Several witnesses testified before the jury today in relation to construction contracts but no action was taken. The jury will hear further evidence next Wednesday.

## HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING

Workmen's Compensation Commission at St. Johnsbury

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 18.—Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey and Lieut. Gov. F. E. Howe, members of the special commission appointed to investigate the workmen's compensation act for Vermont, held a public meeting at the county court room this evening.

Representatives of the corporate interests and of organized labor were present and the matter was quite fully discussed. F. H. Brooks, chairman of the E. & T. Fairbanks Co., stated that his corporation would welcome a reasonable compensation act coupled with a prevention feature as a relief to their business.

C. E. Cummings, president of the Central Labor Union, was in favor of the workmen's compensation, but did not favor having the workmen bear any part of the cost of such a compensation. Systems of Germany and California, where the prevention of accidents is incorporated with the compensation of the workmen, were explained and favored.

Joseph Fairbanks especially emphasized the need of preventing accidents. State's Attorney Dutton of Hardwick believed that the cost of workmen's compensation should be partially borne by the employer, the employer and the state.

The commission goes to Bellows Falls tomorrow.

## \$5,000 FOR AFFECTIONS

Valuation Fixed in Suit by Rutland Man

Rutland, Feb. 18.—James Laflin, an employee of Newman & Cohen, horse dealers of this city, has brought suit in Rutland county court against Frank McCormick, a laborer, also of Rutland, to recover damages of \$5000 on the ground that the defendant allowed the affections of the plaintiff. Papers in the case were served by Deputy Sheriff H. R. Adams. McCormick is in jail today in default of bail, but expects to find surety.

J. C. Jones is counsel for the plaintiff and C. V. Poulin for the defendant.

## WILL NOT COMMIT HIMSELF ON N.Y. POLICE JOB

Reporters Obtain Nothing Definite From Goethals

## HURRIES TO WASHINGTON

Says He is Here to Sift Out Charges of Graft Against a Subordinate

New York, Feb. 19.—Col. George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, arrived here on board the steamer Metapan from Colon today, made noncommittal answers to questions about a letter brought to him from Mayor John Purroy Mitchell, leaving the question of his acceptance of the New York police commissioner's more uncertain than ever and announced his intention of taking the first train to Washington.

Blunt questions and ingeniously devised queries about the police commissioner's alibi brought one in variable answer:

"I have nothing to say on the subject of the police commissioner's. When your term as governor of the canal zone expires will you then consider taking the police commissioner's?" he was asked.

"I really don't know," answered the colonel.

The first person to greet Col. Goethals after the revenue cutter officer boarded the ship was Robert S. Blunk, secretary of the city club, with a letter from Mayor Mitchell. He was accompanied by Secretary Fluhner from the office of the collector of the port.

The colonel was silent about the contents of the letter. He said he did not expect to see Mayor Mitchell, but to take a train for Washington as soon as he could get one. The business that took him to Washington was, he said, the reorganization of the government of the canal zone, the appropriation of \$34,000,000 for terminals, docks and fortifications, and especially the disposal of charges made against John Burke, manager of the commissary department of the Panama railroad.

"I am very anxious to see that matter out of the way," said Col. Goethals. "Burke himself is very anxious to have the charges put in writing and disposed of. He has not been accused of misappropriation of funds, as has been said, but of accepting bonuses from companies to which contracts had been awarded."

## DR. McELFRESH

International Sunday School Worker to be in Bennington

Dr. Franklin McElfresh, superintendent of Teacher Training on the International Sunday School committee will be in Bennington next Tuesday, February 24th.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a conference will be held in the Methodist church for all who are interested in Sunday school work, teachers being especially urged to attend.

At 6:30 a 25c supper will be served to the men whether connected with any Sunday school or no.

In the evening a public service will be held in the Congregational church with an address by Dr. McElfresh that will be full of help and an inspiration to all.

The local Sunday schools are indeed fortunate in being able to secure such a strong man in the work. From the fact that he is a member of the International committee is good evidence that he will be well worth hearing and he should be greeted with large audiences at each meeting.

To enable others interested in Sunday school work throughout the county, arrangements are being made to entertain those who may find it necessary to remain over night. Those desiring it should communicate with A. S. Edson, chairman of the entertainment committee.

## PREACHER GOES ON SNOWSHOES

Washington, N. J., Feb. 17.—Owing to the blockade of all the roads in this section as a result of the heavy snowfall only eight ministers attended the February meeting of the Warren County Ministerial Union, held today in the Washington Methodist Episcopal Church. Three ministers came in sleighs and one used snowshoes. Even the minister of the church in which the meeting was held had difficulty in reaching the building from the parsonage.

## MISS ANNA C. PARK DIED AT HER HOME HERE TODAY

One of the Best Known Residents of Bennington

## WAS AN EXTENSIVE TRAVELER

Had Visited Many Foreign Countries—Taught Private School Here Many Years Ago

Miss Anna C. Park, who has been in failing health for some weeks, died at her home



ANNA C. PARK

on Pleasant street this forenoon. She was in her 88th year having been born in Woodford December 9, 1826, and while she had traveled extensively, had made Bennington her home for her larger portion of her life. She was the daughter of Luther Park and Cynthia Pratt of Woodford. Her grandfather, William Park, was one of the original settlers of Woodford and was one of the characters that developed the town in the pioneer days.

Miss Park traced her ancestry to Richard Park of England, one of the original settlers of Cambridge, Mass. During the years of her young womanhood and middle life Mrs. Park was a teacher of languages and she held positions not only in Vermont and other New England states but also in New Orleans and San Francisco. For some years before her public school system was established, she taught a private school here and a number of her former pupils now reside in town.

Miss Park was an extensive traveler in this country and in Europe. One of her most remarkable journeys was a cruise of nearly a year among the islands of the Central Pacific for the year 1873-4 on board the mission ship schooner, Morning Star.

Miss Park was a member of a family of six. She was a sister of the late Trenor W. Park who went to California in the early days and became a member of the celebrated law firm, Hallock, Billings, Peachy & Park. Another brother, David, who about 21 years of age was drowned off the coast of South America. A sister, now deceased, was the wife of the late A. B. Valentine. Another sister, Sophia, deceased, resided in Bennington the larger portion of her life. A brother, Austin L. Park, now resides at Redlands, Cal., and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Cummings, lives in Boston.

To Miss Park, more than to any one other person, was due the credit for the organization of the Vermont society of Colonial Dames. Vermont was barred from membership in the first society organized under the name for the reason that the state was no one of the original 13 colonies. Miss Park issued the appeal which resulted in the meeting held in 1897.

Miss Park was a woman of remarkable force of character. She possessed the mental and physical vigor characteristic of the family. She held to what she believed to be right with an indomitable tenacity, coupled with her high spirit was a pleasing manner that acquired a large number of friends. For many years so long as her health would permit, she had been her custom to observe her birthday anniversary with a gathering of the older women residents of the village at her home and it was with much regret that she was forced to abandon the custom because of declining health.

## RESERVOIR WILL BEGIN TO FILL TONIGHT

Trouble in Mountain Pipe Line Has Been Repaired

By Five O'clock This Afternoon System Should Be in Complete Working Order

Clerk William P. Hogan, who has been with the force of men at work on the mountain pipe line since Tuesday, returned early this afternoon and reported that the system should be in working order once more by 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The trouble with the line proved to be a break in the pipe by which the water instead of coming into the reservoir flowed underground and lost itself in the Gore swamp.

The break is being repaired this afternoon and before dark water from the main source should again be flowing into the reservoir.

Y. M. C. A. CANVASS  
Campaign Tomorrow to Raise Needed Subscriptions

Considerable interest is being aroused among the boys in the Y. M. C. A. over the canvass on Saturday brought the village by the boys for gifts for the work among boys in the village the state and the nation. Each boy will be tagged as an official badge from the Association and no money should be given to any individual who has not the tag on the outside of his coat and a pledge slip for recording the name and amount of the subscriptions by all gifts.

It is expected that the best result of the canvass will not be the money, but the increased interest and desire for co-operation on the part of the boys. The money, however, will have a vital relationship to the team work by the boys, as there will be a special recognition given the team who do the best work, counting the number and the amount of the gifts.

The teams have been divided as follows: for the section laying East of South St., and south of Main St. including the sides of the streets mentioned and to the limits of the village each way the team will be composed of Richard Elwell, captain; Wm. R. Graves, Floyd Wright, Howard Estes, Jordan Southall, George Graves, Alphonse, Clarence Brown; for the section laying east of North St. and north of Main street, the team will be Cedric Burt, captain; Newman Elwell, Dexter Schultz, Wilhelm Jalory, Wm. Levin, Walter Hollister, Jos. Joseph, Henry Bradford; for the section beginning on the West side of South St. and the south side of Main St., the team will be composed of Junior Moore, captain; John Holden, Ray Padlock, Calvin Moore, Ervin Dunham; for section laying west of North St. and north of Main St., the team will be composed of Jake Smith, captain; Robert Parker, M. Noon, C. Bergeron, Wa do Holden and Robert Levin. 11 boys who go out in the morning will be given dinner in the association building Saturday at 12:15 which will be provided by the Association and only for boys living the morning to the canvass.

## COUNTY LIFE CONFERENCES

Fourth of Series Held at Manchester Thursday Afternoon and Evening

Manchester, Vt., Feb. 20.—The fourth in the series of County Life conferences being conducted by the Bennington County Vermont Improvement Association occurred at the Lyman school yesterday afternoon and evening. The speakers in the afternoon were, Mr. J. D. Whittier, Superintendent of the Arlington Union, N. Schools, Miss Anna B. Taft, of the Presbyterian Department of County Life, on Country Play, and Mr. Morehouse, Secretary of the Addison County Y. M. C. A. Association on boy's organizations. Mr. Morehouse took the place of Mr. W. N. Cady, Master of the Vermont State Grange who was unable to be present. State Highway Commissioner C. W. Gage and E. S. Brigham, State Commissioner of Agriculture were unavoidably unable to take their parts in the program. In the evening the speakers were L. G. Dodge, U. S. Agriculturist in charge of New England, A. F. Hawes, State Forester, A. C. Monahan, of the U. S. Bureau of Education, and F. C. Smith, former U. S. Bank Examiner.